(c) by when the same would be provided?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a)

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| Number of Army personnel Killed | 519 |
| Number of Air Force personnel Killed | 5 |

Out of the above, the number of Army and Air Force personnel from Rajasthan were 49 and one respectively.

(b) and (c) A comperehensive welfare package has been provided to the next to kin of the Armed Forces personnel killed in the Kargil conflict. This includes ex-gratia lumpsum compensation of Rs. 10 lakhs; liberalised special family pension on the basis of last pay drawn by the deceased solider; and death gratutity and family gratutity as per specified rates, as applicable. Apart from the above, the following assistance has been provided from the National Defence Fund: Rs. 5 lakhs for dwelling unit; Rs. 1 lakh per child for education upto two children per family; Rs. 1.20 lakhs for needy parents who were dependent on the deceased soliders. An additional ex-gratia amount of Rs. 30,000/- has also been provided from the Army Central Welfare Fund. Besides, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has separately earmarked LPG dealerships/distributorships for allocation to the next of kin of the Armed Forces Personnel killed.

Families of martyrs of Kargil conflict from Rajasthan have been given the benefits as above, as applicable.

**Exclusion of intelligence lapses from the Purview of Subramaniyam Committee**

795. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Subramaniyam Committee, formed by Government to examine events leading to the Kargli intrusion, was specially directed not to prove intelligence lapses;

(b) if so, the reasons for directing the Committee not to probe intelligence lapses;

(c) the purpose for which the Committee was formed; and

(d) whether any concrete investigations into the intelligence lapses have been made; if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The Government has appointed a 4-Member Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Subramanyam to review the events leading up to the Pakistani aggression in the Kargil district of Ladakh in J&K and to recommend such measures as are considered necessary to safeguard national security against such armed intrusions. The Committee is expected to give its report shortly.

**Status Report on Kargil Operations**

796. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any final assessment about the Kargil operations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether, in addition, a status report has also been proposed with regard to the defence preparedness of the country and the failure of intelligence agencies, if any, to notifying time about the enemy advances;

(c) if so, whether a copy thereof would be laid in the House for a discussion; and

(d) if answer to parts (b) and (c) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The Government has appointed a 4-Member Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri K. Subramanyam to review the events leading up to the Pakistani aggression in the Kargil District of Ladakh in J&K and to recommend such measures as are considered necessary to safeguard national security against such armed instrusions. The Committee is expected to give its report shortly.

**Intimation by NC Chief about Pak activities in Kargil**

797. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chief of the then Northern Command had informed the Army Headquarters in November, 1998 about the unusual activities of Pak troops and militants in Kargil area; and